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*“Loving God, loving one’s neighbour as one’s self, doing justice, is what the Lord requires of us. It comes to us through study, which is work; through prayer, through cultivation of imagination, and sympathy.”—LEVI EDGAR YOUNG.*

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## ETERNAL BEACON LIGHTS OF TRUTH

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I HAVE been profoundly impressed, my brethren and sisters, with the proceedings of this conference. From the beginning until the present, one thought has been uppermost in my mind, a thought so fundamental in the Church that I have written some notes from which I wish to call your attention to it. At this time, when moments are so precious, I have endeavoured to concentrate, and for that reason, as I say, I prepared these notes.

It was in the early spring of 1820, one hundred and thirteen years ago, that Joseph Smith, who at that time was in his fifteenth year, received his first heavenly manifestation. In the vision he saw the Father and the Son, and as one of those glorious personages pronounced his name, the boy heard that divine injunction, given nearly two thousand years before to the people of the American continent: “This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him.”

He had gone to the Lord for a specific purpose. He was in doubt as to which of the conflicting creeds, each professing faith in Jesus Christ, was accepted by the Lord, and which he should join.

The answer to his question was definite. The personage addressed said to him that he was to join none of them; that they had all gone astray; that they worshipped Him with their lips, but their hearts were removed far from Him, and they taught for doctrine the commandments of men.

Three years elapsed. The boy was approaching manhood. During the years which had passed, in the face of persecution and ridicule, he had maintained that he had seen a vision and had heard the voices of the Father and the Son.

On the twenty-first day of September, after Joseph had retired for the night, he again engaged in prayer to his Father in heaven. In response to his petition, he says :

While I was thus in the act of calling upon God, I discovered a light appearing in my room, which continued to increase until the room was brighter than at noonday, when immediately a personage appeared at my bedside, standing in the air, for his feet did not touch the floor. He had on a loose robe of most exquisite whiteness. . . . His hands were naked, and his arms also, a little above the wrist ; so also were his feet naked, as were his legs a little above the ankles. . . . His whole person was glorious beyond description, and his countenance truly like lightning.

He spoke to Joseph, telling him that he was a messenger sent from the presence of God, and that his name was Moroni ; that the Lord had a work for him to do, and that his name should be known for good and evil among all nations.

The messenger declared the existence of a book, written upon plates of metal, which contained the history of the ancient inhabitants of the American continent—the Book of Mormon.

Among other scripture quoted by the messenger was the following from the Prophet Joel, which he said had not yet been fulfilled, but was soon to be :

I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh : and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions :

And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come.

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered : for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.

Four years after the visitation of Moroni, on September 22nd, 1827, the plates referred to were entrusted to Joseph Smith, and on April 7th, 104 years ago, he began the translation of the Book of Mormon, Oliver Cowdery acting as his scribe.

As the translation proceeded it was discovered that the people to whom the record referred, practised the ordinance of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins. Following his usual custom, Joseph Smith, with Oliver Cowdery, retired to the woods and they engaged in prayer. The answer came in a flood of light from heaven. John the Baptist stood before them, and laying his hands upon them said :

Upon you, my fellow servants, in the name of Messiah, I confer the Priesthood of Aaron, which holds the keys of the ministering of angels,

and of the gospel of repentance, and of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; and this shall never be taken again from the earth, until the sons of Levi do offer again an offering unto the Lord in righteousness.

He told them that this Aaronic Priesthood had not the power of laying on hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost, but that this should be conferred later.

With the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood and the greater Melchizedek Priesthood, which was later conferred as promised, authority to speak and act for God was restored, with all of the keys which existed in the primitive Church.

On the 6th day of April, 1830, one hundred and three years ago, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was legally organized as the law required that it should be, and the proclamation of the restored Gospel was heralded to the people of the world.

One of the chief criticisms which opponents of the Church have advanced in their opposition to it, is that it claims authority which comes direct from God, and that this authority was restored by men who had lived and passed from mortal existence long ago.

#### DIVINELY AUTHORIZED AUTHORITY QUESTIONED

No objection can be advanced by a person who is familiar with the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Bible, to the doctrines taught by the Church. It is the declaration which the Church makes that it is by divine authority that it came into existence and continues to exist, authority which came direct from God our Father through Jesus Christ His Son, the agency employed in the restoration being messengers sent from the presence of our Father in Heaven to Joseph Smith, the medium through whom it was carried to the people of the world.

Why should the manner of the restoration appear a strange thing, and be a stumbling block to people who profess acceptance of the Bible as the guide by which their faith and the conduct of their lives are to be governed? Has it not always been so? Is the manner of the restoration different from that which the Father has always adopted in communicating His will to His children here upon earth? Let us examine and see.

To refer to the number of times and the various purposes for which the Lord has spoken to the inhabitants of our earth, to the occasions when messengers, referred to as angels, have been sent to earth would require much more time than is at my disposal.

From Adam to Noah, from Noah to Abraham, and from Abraham to Christ, the Lord has at divers times and under different circumstances spoken to us, always calling us back to Him, warning us to beware of the seducing influence of Lucifer, the son of Perdition, the Devil, who was cast down from the presence of God, who is the enemy of all that is good, and who is here upon

earth, his sole ambition being to lead men and women away from Christ and reduce them to his own miserable condition of unhappiness.

It will be observed that where the presence of the Lord is manifested, it is accompanied by light; it is the brightness of the sun, the glory of a perfect day. The presence or influence of the tempter brings with it darkness, clouds, depression and ultimate death, for he is the author of death.

The angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a bush which appeared to burn, but was not consumed. It was a living light which radiated from the glory of the person, and not a consuming fire.

The angel who appeared to Zacharias and announced the birth of John the Baptist, declared himself to be Gabriel who stood in the presence of God. The Bible tells us that this same messenger—Gabriel—was sent from God to the Virgin Mary, to announce to her that she was to become the mother of the Redeemer of the world.

#### ANGEL'S APPEARANCE TO SHEPHERDS

On that eventful night, while the shepherds watched over their flocks upon the hills of Judea, light suddenly appeared in the heavens, the angel of the Lord appeared unto them and they were sore afraid. But the angel said unto them :

Fear not : for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We are told in the Bible that

After six days Jesus taketh Peter, James and John, his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart.

And was transfigured before them, and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

And behold there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here; if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

In passing, let me remark that Moses lived more than 1,500 years before the birth of Christ. And Elias nearly 1,000 years.

While he yet spake, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold, a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

—That same eternal message.

And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.



And Jesus came and touched them and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

The Apostle Paul was an educated Jew. He tells us that he had taught and had lived the life of the strictest sect among the Jews, a Pharisee. He was a persecutor of the church, even consenting to the death of some of its members. He tells us that as he journeyed to Damascus, with authority and commission to proceed with his plan of persecution, he saw a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining about him and those who journeyed with him. And when they had all fallen to the earth he heard a voice from heaven saying in the Hebrew tongue: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" Paul answered, "Who art thou, Lord?" and the answer came: "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest."

Again the light from heaven, again the prostration of those upon whom it fell, again the voice of Jehovah revealing the truth to an unbelieving world through one whom He had chosen, unconsciously to Paul, to be His special witness to the Gentiles.

#### JOHN FORETELLS THE COMING FORTH OF THE GOSPEL.

Among the more important revelations given by God to man is that known as the Apocalypse, or Revelation of St. John, the divine, the beloved disciple of our Lord. John was on the Island of Patmos, in the Aegean Sea, at the time, where he had been banished by decree of Rome, and made to work in the mines or stone quarries. It was under these circumstances that this sublime revelation was given. It is:

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel to his servant John.

Then follows the wonderful revelation, which makes known the past, deals with the present, and foretells the future as no other revelation in the Bible does. When the messenger had concluded his errand, John says:

And I saw these things and heard them, and when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things.

Then sayeth he unto me, See thou do it not; for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book; worship God.

My purpose in referring to the scriptures from which I have quoted—and there are many more of them—is to call attention to the fact that communication between our Father in heaven and His children who are here upon earth, is not an unreasonable thing; in fact, in consideration of the words of the prophets and the Redeemer Himself, it was to be expected.

Jesus, when asked by His disciples, What shall be the sign of

thy coming? declared that before His coming the Gospel would be preached in all the world, as a witness to all people.

John, the beloved disciple, to whom reference has been made, definitely declares the manner in which the restoration is to be effected, in the following words:

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.

One of the peculiarities attendant upon the appearance of a messenger sent from the presence of God, is that he comes in a flood of heavenly light.

As Moses tended the flocks of his father-in-law, Jethro, on Mount Horeb, the Bible tells us, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of the bush, and the bush burned with fire and was not consumed.

As Paul journeyed toward Damascus, a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, descended upon him and those who were with him, and they fell to the earth. From the midst of the light he heard the voice of the Lord.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOUR

As the shepherds kept watch over their flocks by night on the hills of Judea, a light—the glory of the Lord—shone around them and they were sore afraid as the angel of the Lord announced to them the birth of a Saviour, who was Christ the Lord.

Let us return for a moment to Joseph Smith. As he offered his first prayer, when about to succumb to the powers of darkness which sought to overwhelm him, he says that a pillar of light, above the brightness of the sun, fell upon him, as he saw and heard the Father and the Son. When the vision terminated he says: "When I came to myself, I found myself lying upon my back, looking up into heaven."

Again with the appearance of the Angel Moroni, the room in which Joseph slept became lighter than at noonday. With the departure of the messenger the room again became dark.

John the Baptist, who restored the Aaronic Priesthood, descended in a cloud of light.

It was not because of his familiarity with the scriptures that Joseph Smith was capable of formulating a plan of restoration, organization and administration so completely in harmony with the revealed word of the Lord. The knowledge came to him little by little, line upon line, precept after precept, as the Lord revealed it to him. The story of the restoration has withstood the ridicule of the ignorant, and the criticism of the learned for more than a century, without detection of an error in the plan. It is in harmony with the revealed will of God and the reason of man. In humility and with full consciousness of the responsibility in-

volved, we reaffirm that the manner of the restoration as referred to, is true.

Truth remains the same throughout the ages. Our surroundings may change, as they have done during the past century—a century which has brought to us a development in science, in invention, and worldly knowledge greater than all the centuries that have preceded it. We find ourselves living in a new world. But God's revealed truth is the same, and it will be unchanged through the eternities to come. He is the same good, Heavenly Father who walked and talked with Adam, who preserved the human family through Noah, who called Abraham and entered into covenant with him. The same who sent His Only Begotten Son to earth, with power to break the bands of death, with which Lucifer held us bound, and redeemed us to everlasting life.

It is through God our Father that the Gospel of salvation has been restored, Christ our Lord, His Only Begotten Son, being the agent through whom He acts, and He in turn communicates the will of the Father to us by messengers sent from His presence. He is the Author of this intricate and yet simple organization which we refer to as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is by authority from Him that we exercise the gift of the Holy Priesthood.

#### GOD, THE FOUNDER OF BOTH CHURCH AND GOVERNMENT

Just as our Father in Heaven, through Christ His Son, is the founder of the Church, so is He the founder of the government by which we are—or should be if we are not—controlled in civil affairs. He it was who brought the Pilgrim Fathers and those who followed after, to the shores of New England. He has said that He established the constitution of our country by the hands of wise men, whom He raised up for that very purpose, and redeemed the land by the shedding of blood.

Both the Church and the government have experienced periods of deep affliction since their establishment. Both have been assailed by enemies from without and foes within, which have caused disruption. Each in time of trial has found strong hearts and arms to sustain it.

Never before has either the state or the Church been confronted with circumstances more pregnant of good and evil than at the present time, or when more ominous clouds have hung over a troubled world. Confusion reigns among the nations, our own included. The very elements combine to add to the uncertainty and distress.

To refer in detail, even briefly, to the present condition of the people of this troubled world of ours and the causes which have brought us to our present condition of tribulation, is not my intention. The great World War, the most wicked, unjustifiable,  
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EDITORIAL

THOUSANDS ATTEND GENERAL CONFERENCE

THE annual conference of the Church, which closed on Sunday afternoon, April 9th, was remarkable for its large attendance. Interest centered on the attendance of President Heber J. Grant, who was absent at the previous conference, due to sickness, and to the filling of the vacancies in the First Presidency and the First Council of Seventy. President Grant himself presented at the opening of conference the list of the General Authorities, which included the names of J. Reuben Clark, as second counsellor in the First Presidency, and Samuel O. Bennion as the new member of the First Seven Presidents of Seventies. All were sustained by the unanimous vote of the conference.

President Grant occupied the major part of the opening session, Thursday morning, April 6th, with his inspirational discourse on the Word of Wisdom, which was published in full in the last issue of the *Millennial Star*. Senator Smoot, who followed President Grant, called on members of the Church to heed the words of the President and obey the Word of Wisdom. He said he could testify that in all his years in public life he had never lost anything by observing the teachings of the Church. On the other hand, Elder Smoot said he had gained the respect of his colleagues for his religious and moral beliefs and for living according to his profession. Elder Smoot said there was no calling, either public or private, to which a true Latter-day Saint could not aspire and still practise the Word of Wisdom and other teachings of the Church.

Approximately 2,000 Mutual Improvement Association officers, representing the total M. I. A. membership of 125,000 throughout the Church, Sunday morning adopted a resolution in favour of the prohibition law, and "to do our utmost to support those laws and resist their repeal." This resolution was introduced by Assistant Superintendent Melvin J. Ballard, who, after reading it, moved its adoption. The resolution reads as follows:

We, the Mutual Improvement workers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, have always stood and will continue to stand for the non-use of intoxicating beverages. Whatever others may do with reference to our national prohibition law, we are resolved to do our utmost to support those laws and resist their repeal.

In calling for a vote on the resolution General Superintendent George Albert Smith declared that the resolution had the



hearty support of the First Presidency and the Council of the Twelve.

At the annual convention of Seventies, held Saturday afternoon, the following slogan was adopted, "Every Seventy quorum in the Church to have at least one representative in the mission field in 1933." Under the plan outlined, each quorum should find a representative who can himself finance the mission, but where this is not possible the quorum should take the responsibility of seeing that the representative's mission is financed. Every Seventy quorum will be visited during the year by members of the First Council of Seventies. Success in the programme, to have each quorum represented in the mission field, would mean the sending out of about 230 additional long-term missionaries, it was asserted at the conference.

"Our duty and responsibility is now to sound a word of warning and point out a way of escape from many of the evils confronting the people," President B. H. Roberts said, explaining that in America alone there are 130,000,000 gentiles who should be taught repentance. As an illustration of the need for missionary work in the world, the speaker pointed to Russia with her 160,000,000 people, and claimed that to his knowledge there had never been a Latter-day Saint missionary among them. The Russians, he answered, are a mighty, rugged and ambitious people, and are entitled to the Gospel.

According to a statistical report read at the Conference, there was expended for the year 1932, from the tithes and other funds of the Church, for ward and stake purposes and ward and stake maintenance, the sum of \$1,124,793.78; for the maintenance of the Church school system, \$609,467.95; for the maintenance and operation of Temples, \$166,475.96; for the care of the worthy poor and other charitable purposes, including hospital treatment, \$272,163.64; for the maintenance and operation of all the missions, and for the erection of places of worship and other buildings in the missions, \$871,908.21; or a grand total of \$3,044,809.21, a sum equaling about £761,202.

In addition to charities paid from the tithes as before named, amounting to \$272,163.64, there has also been disbursed the fast-offerings and other charities, and assistance rendered by the Relief Society, totaling \$443,680; which amount, added to the \$272,163.64 paid from the tithes, makes the total charity assistance rendered by the Church, \$715,843.64, or £178,963.

The report shows that there were 1,392 missionaries in the various missions during 1932. The average cost per missionary for the year was \$381.60, making a total average expense for the year of \$531,187.20. The different wards in the Church had collected and paid to missionaries to assist in their maintenance, \$45,844.93. The average earnings per missionary, or, in other words, what these missionaries might have earned at home,

estimated at \$900 per year, makes a sum of \$1,252,800, which, added to the other two amounts, totals \$1,829,832.13, or £457,458. This is the estimated contribution for one year of missionaries and their families to the Church, for the preaching of the Gospel. Besides foreign missionaries, there were 1,305 missionaries labouring in the Stakes, 17 short term missionaries, and 70 local missionaries, making a total missionary force of the Church for 1932, numbering 2,565.

The growth of the Church is shown in the following figures: Children blessed and entered on the records of the Church in the stakes and missions, 19,722; children baptized in the stakes and missions, 15,282; converts baptized in the stakes and missions, 7,825; total increase, 42,829. There are at the present time 104 stakes of Zion, 936 wards, 76 independent branches, 31 dependent branches, or a total of 1,043 wards and branches in the stakes of Zion. There are 30 missions (including the European Mission), 867 mission branches, and 216 districts.

The report shows that the birth rate of membership of the Church is 28.3 per 1,000; marriage rate, 13 per 1,000; death rate, 7 per 1,000. The percentage of families owning their own homes is 64.2.

Statistics presented during the Conference showed a Sunday School membership of 333,120 in the Sunday Schools of the wards and missions of the Church, an increase of 23,526 for the year. There are now 29,514 officers and teachers of the Sunday Schools.

At the closing session of conference, on Sunday afternoon, after the opening prayer, Sister Ray M. Russell, of the London District, rendered a vocal solo, "Who are These Arrayed In White?" before an audience estimated at ten thousand people, and an unseen audience of thousands.—JAMES H. WALLIS.

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## TEN YEARS' DEVOTED SERVICE RECOGNIZED

THE *Hyde (Manchester) Reporter* of April 15th, has a very fine account of a public presentation to Mrs. F. Allsop, secretary of the Life-boat Institution. The interesting ceremony took place on Hyde Market, in the presence of a large crowd, and the presentation was made by the Mayor, Councillor A. Haughton, J. P. Brigadier-General Swaby paid a splendid tribute to Mrs. Allsop, stating that she had done well for the life-boat cause. "I have no hesitancy in saying," he declared, "that we have one of the best voluntary workers in the whole of England. Her enthusiasm has spread to everyone. I don't suppose there is a single charitable undertaking in Hyde that has not had her help and support."

In his presentation speech, the Mayor said Mrs. Allsop had been a worthy secretary for the past ten years. During that

time she has been instrumental in raising over £700 for the life-boat cause. Nobody could have worked harder than she had done.

Mrs. Allsop, who was received with a hearty round of cheering, expressed her thanks for the honour done her in awarding the presentation. It was not so much the value of the gift, as the honour in being rewarded by the institution, that she appreciated. At the same time, she must not forget that they had all worked hard. Everyone of them had done their part in helping to maintain the life-boat institution, and it had been a pleasure to do what she had done.

"There is no back door to the sea," she declared, "and therefore it is necessary that our life-boat men should have the best facilities we have for saving life. I have seen the life-boat go out, and when the men go out we all realize they are going to a certain danger. We can only do our best for the lifeboat cause. Last year the life-boat men saved more lives than had been saved for four years, and this year already 122 lives have been saved."

Mrs. Allsop is the president of the Relief Society of the Hyde Branch, and a devoted member of the Church. She has much influence in that city.—JAMES H. WALLIS.

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## RESULTS FROM "BOOK OF MORMON" EXHIBIT

PRESIDENT G. L. WOOLF of the French Mission is quite enthusiastic over the success attending the Book of Mormon exhibit he organized for his mission, of which mention was made in the *Millennial Star* a short time ago. He says, "In each place the exhibit has been, people have come in by the hundreds each day, and the Elders have given away thousands of the new Centennial tracts, as well as sold copies of the Book of Mormon. Advertisements were placed in the window and posted in conspicuous places about town, inviting the people to see the illustrated lecture on 'The Book of Mormon and American Antiquities.' With a new film on the subject and material furnished by Bishop David A. Smith in his pamphlet, an interesting lecture has been obtained practically without cost. Altogether we have presented our message to thousands of people who have come to us instead of our going to them, and much good has been done. The Elders are enthusiastic, and an increase at our meetings has resulted. We hope to be able to carry this project out in a number of our branches in Switzerland and other districts."

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EVERY good deed will have its blessing. We need have no fear of losing the reward if only we make sure to merit it by the virtue of our motive and the judiciousness of our effort.

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unnecessary war the world has ever known, laid the foundation for it. The monetary cost of the war left the world bankrupt. In our own country it was followed by the era of extravagance, selfishness and money madness, the like of which has never before been known. And the war still goes on. Not a war of swords and bayonets, but a war of the nations for possession of a small pile of gold, inadequate if we possessed it all, to pay the mortgages on the farms of our country and the debts of the men who owe them, and yet that pile of gold is the only money of ultimate redemption recognized by the civilized nations to-day.

You need not call our attention to our unfortunate condition, you are saying to yourselves, we are all too well aware of that. Tell us how to extricate ourselves from it. If I had the wisdom to do that I would be the happiest man in the world. That we will survive and emerge from it a wiser, happier and better people I am confident, whatever our suffering may be before we win the victory. It will not come through the sovietism of Russia, the socialism of France, the Fascists of Italy, nor the Nazis of Hitler. It will not come by the brewing and disposition of more beer or the manufacture and drinking of more wine. It will not come from the manufacture and distribution of more cigarettes for our boys and girls to smoke. It will come to our country, if it is to come at all, through the united effort of the American people, whose souls I believe will turn to the Lord.

## WISDOM AND HELP FROM ON HIGH

Deliverance will not come by a miracle from heaven, but I believe the Lord will endow us with wisdom, and with His help we will work out our deliverance. If the Lord for the sake of ten righteous men would spare Sodom and Gomorrah, will He not spare this government which He declares He has established for the sake of the many thousands of honest souls which make up its citizenship?

What of the Church? We call upon its members, as we have always done, to turn to the Lord for succour. Remember the words which I have quoted from the Prophet Joel, words which had not been fulfilled at the time, but were soon to be. He has promised that if we will do this He will return to us.

In the words of the Prophet Joel, which I have quoted, "In Mount Zion"—which is here in this land of Joseph—"and in Jerusalem deliverance will be found," and his word will not fail.

My faith in the membership of the Church is unshaken. By faith, with works added, we will carry the Church through to glorious triumph regardless of the sacrifices which may be required. We dug ourselves into our present condition and with



the help of the Lord and the loyal support of the government, both Church and state will emerge stronger in faith, and more powerful in faith, and more powerful in influence than we have ever before been.

These are the thoughts which have been running through my mind, my brethren and sisters, during these services. I bear witness to you that the story I have told is true. The restoration was by divine interposition of God our Father. It will persist, it will not be destroyed again as has been the case in the ages which have passed. God grant that we may have faith to hold fast to the "rod of iron," give our loyal support to the government, and as I said last night at the Priesthood meeting, the government needs us and we need the government. Both are everlasting truths.

God bless you, I pray, through Jesus Christ. Amen.—(Address delivered April 9th, at the 104th semi-annual conference, held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.)

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### LEEDS DISTRICT CONFERENCE

A VERY successful spring conference was held by the Leeds District on Sunday, April 23rd, in the Mechanics' Institute of Bradford. As is usually the case, all three sessions were well attended, and the entire conference proved a very enjoyable and worthwhile affair.

After the preliminary programme in the morning session, the congregation separated for class work. The Relief Society members and the lady visitors were instructed by Sister Rintla Pratt Douglas, who complimented them on their fine work and advised them as to their activities in the future. President James H. Douglas and Patriarch James H. Wallis took charge of the Priesthood members, outlining the duties of the Priesthood holders and stressing the necessity of respecting the authority of those called into presiding positions. Four new names were voted upon by the membership and accepted as being worthy of receiving the Priesthood. Immediately following the morning session, President Douglas named and blessed a baby of one of the district members.

During the afternoon session, the General Authorities were unanimously sustained in their callings, after which three lady members of the district received their Bee-Hive Diplomas from Sister Douglas. President William H. Clawson then read a report of the activities of the missionaries in the district from October 20th, 1932, to April 20th, 1933. "Our force has been cut from six missionaries to four," he stated, "but the following figures indicate the volume of work which has been accomplished: Hours spent in tracting, 1,194; hours spent in visiting investi-

gators, 1,249; total hours spent in missionary work, 10,627; number of calls answered while tracting, 20,445; invitations into the home while tracting, 60; Books of Mormon distributed, 18; other Church works and pamphlets distributed, 480, and Gospel conversations, 666. During the past six months 10 persons have been baptised into the Church, and several more are now ready for the ordinance."

The remainder of the afternoon session was of exceptional interest. Each of the five branches of the district portrayed, by songs and skits, the work of one of the various auxiliary organizations. The theme, "Work For All," effectively demonstrated the opportunity each auxiliary offered for the constructive use of one's leisure.

Three hundred and twenty people were present at the evening session to hear the mission authorities speak. Sister Douglas recounted several events which took place during the early history of the Relief Society, and bore her testimony to the divinity of the Gospel plan. Patriarch Wallis told of the Church missionary organization, explaining its achievements and unique success. He also pointed out the lack of reliable sources of information concerning the Church, and the great need for this condition to be corrected. President Douglas discoursed upon the organization of the Church and stated that all must live the Gospel in order to receive its blessings, as all rewards were predicated upon obedience to law.

A well-harmonized quartette provided music in all three sessions. Beautiful duets were also rendered by Sisters Annie and Nellie Butterfield, and Brothers Fred and George Laycock.

The conference was directed by President James H. Douglas of the British Mission, and the auxiliary meetings by Sister Rintha Pratt Douglas, consulting supervisor of the auxiliaries and president of the Relief Society of the British Mission. There were in attendance also, Patriarch James H. Wallis of the European Mission Office, Elder John B. Stagg of the British Mission Office; and the following travelling Elders: President William H. Clawson, Harold Sycamore, Max R. Openshaw and Charles J. Solomon.

HAROLD SYCAMORE, Clerk of Conference.

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### A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS

BEAUTIFUL things I would say to you,

If I had the gift of speech ;

To all you mothers, noble and true,

Who place real joys within reach.

The love you give has taught us beauty,

Your lives give inspiration ;

Guiding us on to do our duty,

To help us gain salvation.

There is so much that we owe to you,

Debts we can never repay ;

We'll show by love, and our actions, too,

How grateful we feel to-day.

Dear mothers, we rev'ence your sweet name,

We love you for what you are ;

No other hero won greater fame,

Or for us travelled so far.

Always for us you labour with zeal,

Giving so free of life and love ;

And we now humbly before you kneel,

In prayer to our God above.

Your lives, dear mothers, are just divine,

Your blest reward a surety ;

God bless you, dear mothers, for all time,

For your love and purity.

And now I most humbly make my plea,

To fathers, sisters, brothers ;

That we might live and honoured be,

Full worthy of our mothers.

DORIS OWENS, Burnley Branch, Liverpool District

## MOTHER

JUST a very simple name,  
 Short, but oh! how sweet;  
 It tells of all the glorious fame  
 We lay at mother's feet.

How often down the thorny road  
 Her sweet and loving grace  
 Oft helps to lift a weary load,  
 Or sorrow's mark erase.

No crown is set upon her brow,  
 No laurels come her way;  
 But still with love she journey's on,  
 Through all the weary day.

Her kindly acts are oft times met  
 With glances of rebuke;  
 But still upon that sweet, dear face,  
 Remains the loving look.

No tongue can tell, no pen can write,  
 The beauties of her love;  
 Pure, undefiled and infinite,  
 Straight from the heaven above.

O! let us in our humble way,  
 Endeavour with our might  
 To give due praise this Mother's Day  
 To earth's great leading light.

And for the sacrifice she makes,  
 And for the love she gives,  
 Her blest reward in heaven is great,  
 Eternally she lives.

NORA HOLLINDRAKE, Liverpool District.

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